

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
TRANS., INFRASTRUCT. & CAPITALS
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: March 12, 2002

Place: Supreme Court Chambers

Convened: 9:55 AM

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Adjourned: 11:10 AM

Present: Senator Jensen-CH
Representatives Gipp-CH, Weidman-VC, Cohoon-RM, Fallon, Huseman, Kuhn, Rayhons, Rekow,
Warnstadt

Absent:

Excused: Senators Lamberti-VC, Connolly, McKibben, Soukup-RM

Chairman Jensen called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Minutes from the March 7, 2002 meeting were approved as written.

Chairman Jensen introduced John Putney, who in turn welcomed the new Director of the State Fair, Gary Slater. Mr. Putney then discussed the funding request for the State Fair, describing the upkeep on various buildings at the Fair. There were questions from the floor regarding specific amounts for specific repairs/upkeep and he stated he would see that the members received those requests.

Bill Ehm of the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, was then introduced and he was to give an overview of the FY 2003 budget. He introduced Dr. Jerry Miller, Associate Dean of Agriculture, Iowa State University, who discussed the integrated Farm Livestock Management Program currently in place. Steve Henry of Story County, Rob Stout of Washington County, and Carmen Mehman of Floyd County presented three different aspects of the Integrated Farm Livestock Management Program, touching on the soil nitrogen applications, swine manure demonstrator, and the Hub and Spoke program. There were quite a few questions with regard to the different aspects of the program. Bill Ehm then introduced Doug Lindgren of the Soybean Association who further expanded on the program and took questions from the floor.

Bill Ehm then went over the Environment First Fund recommendations for FY 2003 and answered questions from the floor.

Mary Beth Mellick, Legislative Research Analyst, highlighted several items of change in the Governor's revised 2003 budget.

Representative Rayhons moved to adjourn.

Senator John Jensen, Chairman

Linda Gesling, Committee Secretary